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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 29-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a final office action on merits. Amendments received on 4/15/08 have been entered. As per applicant claims 20-28 are cancelled. Claims 29-61 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 56 and 58-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin (WO 01/50224).

As of claim 56 and 61, Lin discloses an apparatus, comprising:
a memory configured to store first information (Lin discloses that the data of interest (first information) of a user is stored in a system server under a unique RF code; see page 23, lines 24-28);
a radio frequency tag reader configured to read second information from a radio frequency tag of a device (via RFID reader reading the unique code of the RFID tag (second information); see page 23, lines 27-29); and
a controller configured, in response to the reading of the second information from the radio frequency tag, to activate a secrecy mode by concealing the first information, such that the first information is inaccessible by an unauthorized user (Note: Lin discloses

that the data of interest is stored in the system server under a unique RF code, hence first the RF tag's code is used to conceal the data of interest of the user. So every time when users wishes to acquire the data of interest he/she uses his/her tag to acquire the data, and after every use data is concealed since the tag will be required, the next time user wishes to acquire the data of interest; see page 23, lines 24 through page 24, lines 5).

As of claims 58 and 59, Even though not explicitly said but from the description of Lin it can be seen that when a person is given an RFID tag he/she is authorized to access the data of interest (first information) on the server computer via the network-enabled device, and after the user has viewed the information using the RF tag code (second information) the data of interest is concealed, unless the RF tag is presented again, hence the server system activate the secrecy mode by concealing the data for interest (first information) such that the data is inaccessible by an unauthorized user (Note: unauthorized user can be viewed as any user who does not posses an authorized RF tag). Further as discloses above the network-enabled device comprises a computer, hence comprising a display to view the data of interest (see page 23, lines 24-32; also see page 24, lines 15-20). Further when user is viewing the data of interest, of course they have the option to show the information to any individual they desire, whether that person possesses a valid RFID tag or not.

As of claim 60, Lin discloses that the first information is a phonebook entry (via the information being frequently and/or last used phone number; see page 23, lines 32-33).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 29-35, 40-55 and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (WO 01/50224) in view of Wischerop et al. (5,955,951).

As of claims 29, 30, 35, 40, 57, Lin discloses an apparatus (via a RFID reader 120 and a network-enabled device 130; see fig. 1), comprising:
a radio frequency tag reader configured, , to read information from the radio frequency tag (see page 8, lines 5-17);
a radio interface for transmitting and receiving data in a network (via the computer 130 transmitting the ID code of the tag and the reader to the network 140; see fig. 1; also see page 10, lines 19-22; Note: Lin discloses that computer 130 can be a portable lap top, a portable electronic organizer a digital mobile telephone so it has to have a radio interface to connect with the network 140); and
a controller configured, in response to the radio frequency tag reader reading first information from a first radio frequency tag, to control the interface to transmit a

message to a first destination, and the controller being configured, in response to the radio frequency tag reader reading second information from a second radio frequency tag, to control the interface to transmit a message to a second destination (Lin discloses that the computer 130 can send the information of one type of RF tag (first RF tag) to server 150 and the computer 130 can send the second information of second type of RF tag to server 160; see page 10, lines 20-33; also see page 13, lines 6-32; also see fig. 4).

However Lin fails to explicitly disclose that the apparatus comprising a docking port and the RFID reader is configured, in response to the docking port receiving a device to read information from the tag.

Wischerop discloses a apparatus comprising a RFID reader (via a detaching unit 26, including a control circuit 92, wherein control circuit interrogates the tag 28; see col. 7, lines 53-65), detaching unit further comprising a nesting area 84 (docking port), the control circuit 92 interrogating the tag 28 only when the tag is in the nesting area 84 (see col. 7, lines 19-31; also see col. 7, lines 51-64; also see fig. 5).

From the teaching of Wischerop it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the apparatus of Lin to include a docking port on the apparatus as taught by Wischerop in order to eliminate any problem of interference from other tags that may be present at the vicinity of the reader (see col. 7, lines 62-65).

As of claims 31, 32 and 41, Lin discloses that different RF tags ("free RF tag" and "purchased RF tag") can be used to access different information on the network and

different RF tags have different code and messages are transmitted to the network based on the different types of RF tags; see page 21; also see page 13; see fig. 4).

As of claim 33, 44 and 45, Lin discloses that if a “free tag” is used, a user can obtain free clips of audio tracks, movie trailer to play them on their computer/network enable device 130; see page 21, lines 1-15) and if a user a “special tag” they can listen to the radio content on a server computer via the computer 130 (see page 21, lines 31-33), hence different tag transmits different messages on the network and computer 130 performs different operation based the instructions received from the server.

As of claim 34, Lin discloses that each RF tag's unique code is linked to a web site URL, hence specifying the IP address or the domain name where the resource is located on the internet (see page 5, lines 13-16).

As of claim 42 and 55, Lin discloses all the limitations of the claimed invention as mentioned in claim 29 above, Lin further discloses that the application software 132 can include a look up table that map the ID codes of the tags to specific applications, servers, web site URLS (see page 11, lines 29-32). Lin further disclose that if the reader determines that the RF tag is a type 3 tag based on the tag's identification, hence determining that the read code corresponds with a stored code, and then the application software will begin a local application program on the user computer, hence performing an operation associated with the corresponding stored code (see page 13, lines 25-32).

As of claim 43, Lin discloses that reader reads the unique code of the RF tag and transmits the code to the server. Then server matches the unique code in the data base

and if the code is not authenticated (meaning code does not correspond with a stored code) and error message is displayed on the user computer 130 for the user.

As of claim 46, Wischerop discloses that the detaching unit 26 comprises a switch 86 in the nesting area 84 (docking port) to provide an indication that a tag 28 has been positioned in the nesting area 84 (see col. 7, lines 24-29).

As of claim 47, Wischerop discloses that the control circuit interrogates the tag only when a tag is in the nesting area 84 (see col. 7, lines 60-64).

As of claim 48, Lin discloses that the operation relates to sending an email (see page 9, lines 21-26)

As of claims 49 and 50, Lin discloses that RF tag can be used as "business cards" to client. When placed in the proximity of a reader, the business person's email address will be displayed to the client and the user can type a message (amending the email) and send the email by pressing "send", hence requesting the user approval before sending the email (see page 25, lines 6-12)

As of claim 51, Lin discloses that each RF tag's unique code is linked to a web site URL, hence specifying the IP address or the domain name where the resource is located on the internet (see page 5, lines 13-16).

As of claim 52, Lin discloses that the operation relates to causing the apparatus to enter a secrecy mode (Lin discloses that the RF tags can also be encoded with unique codes that cause the system server computer to perform transactions in a secure mode; see specification page 6, lines 26-32).

As of claims 53 and 54, Lin discloses that RFID reader reads plurality of tags and perform different functions based on the tag's unique code. Wischerope further discloses that the nesting area (docking port) interrogate the tag when the tag is placed in the nesting area. (Note: In the previous office action the Examiner took official notice stating that having multiple tags in the reader fields would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made since it is well known in the art that RFID reader can have multiple tags in the reading area simultaneously). According to the MPEP (2144.03, section C), if applicant does not traverse the examiner's assertion of official notice or applicant's traverse is not adequate, the common knowledge or well-known in the art statement is taken to be admitted prior art because applicant failed to traverse the examiner's assertion. So the claims 53 and 54 are rejected as patentable over Lin, Wischerope and applicant's admitted prior art.

Claims 36-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wischerop et al. (5,955,951) in view of Lin (WO 01/50224).

As of claim 36, Wischerop discloses device (via tag 28; see fig. 8), comprising:
a casing configured to be received by a docking port of an apparatus (via enclosure 50; see fig. 5 and 3);
a memory configured to store information (via RFID chip 64 storing multi-bit identification data; see col. 5, lines 56-60); and
a radio frequency tag configured, in response to the reception of the casing by the docking port, to transmit the stored information to the apparatus, in order to enable the apparatus to transmit a message (via RFID chip 64 emitting an identification signal

corresponding to the stored data in response to a radio frequency interrogation signal; see col. 5, lines 55-64; also see col. 7, lines 53-65; also see fig. 5).

However Wischerop fails to explicitly disclose that the memory is configured to store information identifying a remote network destination and the apparatus transmit a message to the identified remote network destination.

Lin discloses a RFID tag which stores a unique code and a reader upon reading the unique code of the tag transmit the information to a remote network server (remote network destination) (see page 5, lines 24 through page 6, lines 10; see fig. 1;).

From the teaching of Lin it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made ot modify the tag of Wischerop to store information identifying a remote network destination in the tag as taught by Lin in order to allow a user to view a web page or perform any other internet related activity by using a RFID tag; see page 5, liens 1-6).

As of claim 37, Wischerop discloses that tag 28 comprises an RFID chip 64 functioning as a transponder. Wischerop discloses that the tag circuitry is passive, hence can be activated when being interrogated by the RFID reader and stay inactive in other conditions hence comprising a switch, to turn the device active and inactive when placed in the nesting area (see col. 6, lines 1-3; also see fig. 4).

As of claim 38, Wischerop discloses that the casing comprises a protruding member configured to be received by the docking port of the apparatus (via an enclosure 58; see fig. 3).

As of claim 39, Lin discloses that the apparatus is a portable communication apparatus (via a laptop computer or mobile phone; see page 14, lines 1-17).

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to all the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NABIL H. SYED whose telephone number is (571)270-3028. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00 alt Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Zimmerman can be reached on (571)272-3059. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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